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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 25.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

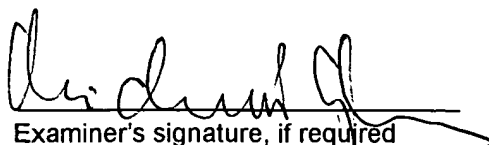
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Fig. 12, filed on 23 September 2002, shows the suction port (B123) being connected to the air outlet (B410) behind the sub-tank (B400) (shown by the two columns of dotted lines). The suction port (B123) is not connected to the upper bottom wall (wall connected to B122) of sub-tank (B400). Thus, the air outlet does not communicate with the suction port (B123) through the internal container (B416) of the sub-tank (B400).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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